

## 'Wave of silence' spread around world during coronavirus pandemic

### Level 3 • Advanced

#### KEY

#### 2 Key words

1. unprecedented
2. slump
3. seismic
4. impose
5. curtailed
6. dry up
7. swell
8. mask
9. slippage
10. rumbling
11. incremental
12. spawn

#### 4 Expressions

1. in the wake of
2. high-frequency noise
3. bring down the shutters
4. geological faultlines
5. over the longer term

#### 3 Comprehension check

1. A seismologist says that the way the quietening spread over time, starting in China and then moving to Italy and beyond, can almost be seen as a wave.
2. Records show that high-frequency noise fell by as much as 50%.
3. It was collected from 268 seismic sensors in 117 countries across the world.
4. It can be seen that vibrations from human activities spread further than was previously expected, as the places these noise reductions were monitored included remote outposts or even underground locations.
5. It has improved scientists' abilities to spot and record early warning signs of potential natural catastrophes such as earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.